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FOR KINSOLVING FROM AMB PICKERING

FOLLOWING REPEAT AMMAN 2227 ACTION USIA INFO SECSTATE APR 18.

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE AMMAN 2227

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IMV/P FOR WORRELL FROM BUTLER

STATE FOR NEA/AMBASSADOR PICKERING

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: FILM KING HUSSEIN JUBILEE

REF: USIA 10479

1. THOUGH WILLING, THE COOPERATION OF JTV FOUND
LACKING. THEIR CREW HAS PROVEN UNQUALIFIED AND
INADEQUATE. PRODUCT UNUSABLE BECAUSE INCOMPATABLE
EQUIPMENT WITH FRAME SPEED AND 50 CYCLE OPERATION
PROHIBITS INTERMESH WITH OURS.

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2. SIX DAYS OF RESEARCH AND FILMING TIME HAS
EVAPORATED FROM COMBINATION OF POOR WEATHER AND
REQUIRED STANDBY POSTURE FOR BUTLER WAITING FOR
FILMING AT PALACE.

3. KING HUSSEIN HAS NOW DEPARTED FOR EUROPE/U.S.

INTERVIEW ASSURED BY JTV DID NOT TAKE PLACE.

4. AMBASSADOR PICKERING TRAVELING WITH ROYAL PARTY AS FAR AS LONDON THEN GOING ON IN ADVANCE TO WASHINGTON. ON DEPARTURE HE TOLD BUTLER GOOD CHANCE INTERVIEWING KING IN WASHINGTON AFTERNOON MONDAY, APRIL 25. SUGGEST AGENCY CONTACT AMBASSADOR SOONEST, CONFIRM ARRANGEMENT. AMBASSADOR WILL BE IN DEPARTMENT FROM APRIL 20.

5. BUTLER SUGGESTS SHOOTING WHATEVER POSSIBLE IN TIME REMAINING WITH WASHINGTON CONTRACT PLACED ON HOLD AFTER WHITE HOUSE COVERAGE AND POSSIBLE INTERVIEW WITH KING IN U.S.

6. IF STRUCTURE CAN BE SALVAGED WITH STATESIDE INTERVIEW OR IF NEW STRUCTURE CAN BE DEVELOPED SUGGEST WE PROCEED WITH PRODUCTION TO COMPLETION.

7. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT SALVAGING ALREADY PLANNED BALANCE OF U.S. COVERAGE, EDITING AND COMPLETION COSTS WOULD BE ALTERNATIVE IF THIS CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED.

8. QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW SESSION FOLLOW WITH PRIORITY ON FINAL ONE. REQUEST INTERVIEWER DRAW OUT KING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON EACH STATEMENT.

9. QUESTIONS: KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN SILVER JUBILEE
(A) YOUR MAJESTY, HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC CONDITION OF JORDAN WHEN YOU ASSUMED POWER 25 YEARS AGO?

(B) WOULD YOU PLEASE OUTLINE FOR US YOUR ECONOMIC PLANS AT THAT TIME.

(C) YOUR MAJESTY, LOOKING AT YOUR COUNTRY TODAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL YOUR PLANS HAVE BEEN REALIZED?

(D) HAS THE U.S. PLAYED A PART IN THAT SUCCESS AND, IF SO, HOW?

(E) YOUR MAJESTY, THE FUTURE. WHAT FUTURE COURSE DO YOU SEE FOR JORDAN'S ECONOMY IN YOUR ECONOMICALLY PROGRESSIVE NATION?

(F) YOUR MAJESTY, IN WHAT WAY WOULD YOU DESCRIBE JORDANIAN/AMERICAN RELATIONS BOTH DURING THE PAST AND IN THE FUTURE?

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